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DETECTING RAPID CHANGES IN SIGNALING PATH ENVIRONMENT

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the final Office Action dated November 16, 2009. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: